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IRANIAN MISSION HAS HAD CIRCULATED TO SC MEMBERS
TEXT OF NOTE DELIVERED FEB 11 TO IRAQI EMBASSY IN
TEHRAN, ENUMERATING ALLEGED ARMED INCURSIONS OF
IRAQI FORCES INTO IRANIAN TERRITORY.

QUOTE

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION

TEXT OF THE NOTE DELIVERED TO THE IRAQI EMBASSY IN TEHRAN
BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THE IMPERIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ IN TEHRAN AND
PURSUANT TO ITS NOTE REFERENCE NO. 28994/2/1 OF 1 JANUARY
1974, HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM APPROPRIATE IRANIAN OFFICIALS, THE INCURSION OF IRAQI FRONTIER GUARDS AND ELEMENTS OF IRAQI ARMED FORCES INTO IRANIAN TERRITORY IN THE REGION OF MEHRAN HAS NOT CEASED AND HAS, OF LATE, BEEN INTENSIFIED:

1. ON 30 JANUARY 1974, WHILE THE IRANIAN HERDSMAN WERE TAKING THEIR LIVESTOCK FOR GRAZING IN KULAK HEIGHTS ALONG THE FRONTIER LINE, THEY WERE ATTACKED BY IRAQI ARMED FORCES.

2. ON 31 JANUARY 1974, WHILE IRANIAN FRONTIER GUARDS WERE ENGAGED IN A PATROL MISSION WITHIN IRANIAN TERRITORY, THEY WERE FIRED UPON WITH MACHINE GUNS BY IRAQI ARMED ELEMENTS FROM THE NORTH-WESTERN HEIGHTS OF AL-JABIL.

3. AT 10:50 HOURS LOCAL TIME MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, WHILE IRANIAN FRONTIER GUARDS WERE TRANSPORTING SUPPLY MATERIALS ALONG THE SUPPLY ROUTES IN MEHRAN REGION, THEY WERE SHELLED BY IRAQI FORCES. THE IRANIAN FRONTIER GUARDS RETURNED FIRE AND PUSHED THE INTRUDERS BACK. AS A RESULT OF THIS ENCOUNTER, WHICH LASTED UNTIL THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 5, ONE IRANIAN SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND THREE FRONTIER GUARDS WERE WOUNDED.

THE FOLLOWING AMMUNITIONS BELONGING TO IRAQI INTRUDERS WERE SEIZED INSIDE IRANIAN TERRITORY:

ONE MACHINE GUN
ONE BATTERY OF MORTAR
FOUR ROUNDS OF AMMUNITIONS
TWO BOXES CONTAINING HAND GRENADES
FOUR BATTERIES OF ARTILLERY
TWO BOXES OF R.P.G. AMMUNITION
TWO TELEPHONE SETS

4. AT 16:30 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON SUNDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, IRAQI ARMED ELEMENTS USING LIGHT AND HEAVY WEAPONRY, ARTILLERY, TANK AND ARMoured CARRIERS SHELLED IRANIAN FRONTIER POSTS AT ZALUAB HEIGHTS - KANISAKHAT, REZA ABAD - (ALONG THE ROUTE BETWEEN MEHRAN AND ILAM) JAZMAN (SITUATED AT TWO KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE REZA ABAD POST) AS WELL AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FACED WITH THESE COWARDLY ATTACKS BY IRAQI ARMED FORCES, THE IRANIAN BORDER GUARDS RETURNED FIRE AND FORCED THE INTRUDERS TO WITHDRAW.

NEVERTHELESS, THE MANUEVERING OF THE IRAQI FRONTIER GUARDS AND ARMED ELEMENTS AND SHELLING OF IRANIAN FRONTIER POSTS HAS,

SINCE, CONTINUED. DURING THIS PERIOD, FOUR IRAQI FIGHTERS HAVE INTRUDED INTO IRANIAN AIR SPACE.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE FRONTIER GUARDS COMMANDER OF MEHRAN TRIED, IN VAIN, TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH HIS IRAQI COUNTER-PART. A CLAIM TO THE CONTRARY MADE BY THE IRAQI GENERAL STAFF IN THE COMMUNIQUE BROADCASTED ON RADIO BAGHDAD ON 11 FEBRUARY IS THUS UTTERLY UNFOUNDED.

AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE INCURSIONS, A NUMBER OF IRANIAN FRONTIER GUARDS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED. THE IRAQI INTRUDERS LEFT BEHIND 14 DEAD AND SOME ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS, WHICH PROVIDE IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE OF THE FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE IRANIAN TERRITORY BY THE IRAQI ARMED FORCES.

IN REGISTERING A STRONG PROTEST AGAINST SUCH PERSISTENT ACTS OF VIOLATIONS, WHICH ARE CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE RECENTLY DEVELOPED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE IMPERIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS THE EMBASSY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ TO THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH VIOLATIONS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ TAKE STEPS TO INSURE THE PUNISHMENT OF THE INTRUDERS AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR HUMAN AND MATERIAL LOSSES INCURRED BY IRAN AND MAKE SURE THAT SUCH VIOLATIONS AND INCITEMENTS ON THE PART OF THE IRAQI AUTHORITIES SHALL NOT BE REPEATED. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD APPRECIATE TO BE APPRISED OF THE RESULTS OF SUCH STEPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE IMPERIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FINDS IT NECESSARY TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT HOLDS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES THAT MIGHT ENSUE AS A RESULT OF SUCH VIOLATIONS.

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THE IMPERIAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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